

wherein, when the master with the first and second feed materials on opposing sides thereof and the adhesive contacting the master is positioned between said cooperating structures, said cooperating structures apply pressure to said master and feed materials as they advance therethrough so as to bond said adhesive to said master;

one of said pair of said cooperating pressure applying structures being connected with said first outer shell portion and the other of said pair of said cooperating pressure applying structures being connected with said second outer shell portion such that relative movement of said first and second outer shell portions to said open position thereof moves said cooperating pressure applying structures apart from one another to facilitate positioning of said feed materials in between said cooperating structures and movement of said first and second outer shell portions to said closed position thereof positions said cooperating structures adjacent one another in said cooperating pressure applying relationship as aforesaid.

37. (New) An apparatus according to claim 36, wherein said first and second outer shell portions are pivotally connected to one another for said relative movement with respect to one another.

38. (New) An apparatus according to claim 37, wherein said outer frame has a pair of opposing side walls each having upper and lower side wall portions pivotally connected to one another, said first outer shell portion being provided by the upper side wall portions of said side walls and said second outer shell portion being provided by the lower side wall portions of said side walls.

39. (New) An apparatus according to claim 38, wherein said side walls are parallel to one another.

40. (New) An apparatus according to claim 38, wherein said frame further comprises a feed tray mounted between said lower side wall portions for supporting and guiding the master in between said cooperating structures.

41. (New) An apparatus according to claim 36, wherein at least one of said cooperating pressure applying structures is a rotatable nip roller.

42. (New) An apparatus according to claim 41, wherein both of said cooperating pressure applying structures are rotatable nip rollers.

43. (New) An apparatus according to claim 42, wherein said first and second outer shell portions are pivotally connected to one another for said relative movement with respect to one another.

44. (New) An apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said outer shell has a pair of opposing side walls each having upper and lower side wall portions pivotally connected to one another, said first outer shell portion being provided by the upper side wall portions of said side walls and said second outer shell portion being provided by the lower side wall portions of said side walls.

45. (New) An apparatus according to claim 44, wherein said side walls are parallel to one another.

46. (New) An apparatus according to claim 44, wherein said frame further comprises a feed tray mounted between said lower side wall portions for supporting and guiding the master in between said cooperating structures.

47. (New) A method for using an apparatus for processing a master in conjunction with a supply of a first feed material and a supply of a second feed material, at least one of said feed materials carrying a layer of adhesive, said apparatus comprising: an outer shell including a first outer shell portion and a second outer shell portion movably connected to one another for movement relative to one another between an open position and a closed position; and a pair of cooperating pressure applying structures located within said outer shell, said cooperating structures being constructed and arranged to be positioned adjacent one

another in a cooperating pressure applying relationship wherein, when the master with the first and second feed materials on opposing sides thereof and the adhesive contacting the master is positioned between said cooperating structures, said cooperating structures apply pressure to said master and feed materials as they advance therethrough so as to bond said adhesive to said master; one of said pair of said cooperating pressure applying structures being connected with said first outer shell portion and the other of said pair of said cooperating pressure applying structures being connected with said second outer shell portion such that relative movement of said first and second outer shell portions to said open position thereof moves said cooperating pressure applying structures apart from one another to facilitate positioning of said feed materials in between said cooperating structures and movement of said first and second outer shell portions to said closed position thereof positions said cooperating structures adjacent one another in said cooperating pressure applying relationship as aforesaid, said method comprising:

moving said first and second outer shell portions relative to one another to said open position thereof;

disposing said first and second feed materials in such a position with respect to said cooperating pressure applying structures that when said outer shell portions are moved to said closed position thereof to move said cooperating structures into said cooperating pressure applying position thereof said first and second feed materials will be positioned between said first and second cooperating structures;

then moving said first and second outer shell portions relative to one another to said closed position thereof to position said cooperating structures in said cooperating pressure applying relationship thereof with said first and second feed materials positioned therebetween; and

while said first and second outer shell portions are in said closed position thereof and said cooperating structures are in said cooperating pressure applying relationship thereof with said first and second feed materials therebetween, advancing said master with the first and second feed materials on opposing sides thereof and said adhesive contacting the master between said cooperating structures